

CARR- 347

JOHN KURTZ HOUSE

Uniontown

1805

private

CARR- 347 John Kurtz House
3473 Uniontown Road

There is some dispute in the published histories over the date of construction of **3473 Uniontown Road**. Dr. J. J. Weaver, Jr., believed that it was built before 1783, while J. Thomas Scharf states that it was built by John Kurtz as a residence and store in 1805. While Weaver is generally more reliable and accurate than Scharf, it appears that Scharf is correct about this house. John Kurtz was an influential person in the early history of Uniontown, and the land records indicate that he built a log house at 3473 Uniontown Road about 1806-1810. Kurtz and David Stem had purchased the south side of Uniontown Road from Conrad Stem in 1806, which they sub-divided and sold in one-half and one-acre lots. Most of these lots were sold between 1809 and 1815. From the prices recorded in the land records, it appears that Kurtz and Stem made improvements on some of the lots before selling them. Kurtz was also engaged in business as a storekeeper. The December 2, 1813 edition of **The Engine of Liberty** carries a notice that states "Public Sale—at dwelling house of the subscriber in Uniontown, the residue of his store, consisting of Dry Goods, Groceries, &c., &c., &c., John Kurtz." Kurtz mortgaged this property ("two acres including my dwelling house and store room") in 1817. Subsequent nineteenth century owners were Michael Wagner (1824), Samuel Myers (1838), Adam Danner (1852), Edwin G. Gilbert (1879), and Reuben Matthias (1884). Reuben Matthias was a shoemaker who had a cobbler's shop behind the house. The exterior of the structure shows several later alterations such as the stone chimney, the tall first story windows, and the exterior siding.



DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

225. N. Center Street
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WESTMINSTER PLANNING DISTRICT

FIELD SHEET--HISTORIC RESOURCES SURVEY

SURVEY NUMBER: LARR-347

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:

Zone/Easting/Northing

U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP: New Windsor

PRESENT FORMAL NAME:

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:

PRESENT USE: Residence

ORIGINAL USE: Residence & Store

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:

Excellent () Good (X)

Fair () Poor ()

THEME:

STYLE: vernacular

DATE BUILT: 1805

COUNTY: CARROLL

TOWN: Umintown

LOCATION:

3473 Umintown Rd.

COMMON NAME: John Kutz House

FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Residence

OWNER: Louis B. Sharon

ADDRESS: 3473 Umintown Rd
Umintown Md 21157

ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:

Yes () No (X) Restricted ()

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Local () State () National ()

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

1. Foundation: Stone (X) Brick () Concrete () Concrete Block ()
2. Wall Structure
 - A. Wood: Log (X) Post and Beam () Balloon ()
 - B. Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick () Stone () Concrete () Concrete Block ()
 - C. Iron () D. Steel () E. Other
3. Wall Covering: Weatherboard () German Siding () Board and Batten ()
Wood Shingle () Shiplap () Novelty () Stucco () Sheet Metal ()
Aluminum (X) Asphalt Shingle () Brick Veneer () Stone Veneer ()
Bonding Pattern: Other:
4. Roof Structure
 - A. Truss: Wood (X) Iron () Steel () Concrete ()
 - B. Other:
5. Roof Covering: Slate () Wood Shingle () Asphalt Shingle (X) Sheet Metal ()
Built Up () Rolled () Tile () Other:
6. Engineering Structure:
7. Other:

Appendages: Porches (X) Towers () Cupolas () Dormers () Chimneys () Sheds ()
Ells (X) Wings () Other:Roof Style: Gable (X) Hip () Shed () Flat () Mansard () Gambrel () Jerkinhead ()
Saw Tooth () With Monitor () With Bellcast () With Parapet ()
With False Front () Other:

Number of Stories: 2

Number of Bays: 5 x 2

Approximate Dimensions:

Entrance Location: center

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:

No Threat (X) Zoning () Roads ()

Development () Deterioration ()

Alteration () Other:

LOCAL ATTITUDES:

Positive (X) Negative ()

Mixed () Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

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REFERENCES:

- 1862 Martenet's Map:
- 1877 LG & S Atlas:

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

- Open Lane () Woodland () Scattered Buildings ()
- Moderately Built Up (X) Densely-Built Up ()
- Residential () Commercial ()
- Agricultural () Industrial ()
- Roadside Strip Development ()
- Other:

RECORDED BY:

Joe Betty

ORGANIZATION:

C. L. Dept. of Planning

DATE RECORDED:

9/84



1. CARR-347 John Kurtz House
2. Carroll County, Maryland
3. Joe Getty
4. November, 1984
5. Maryland Historical Trust, Annapolis, MD
6. North elevation, camera facing south
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